



## DEMAND PROBE OF TRESTRAIL

### ON THE WAY HOME



No longer slave laborers, these Russians smile happily as they board a C-47 transport which will fly them home from Germany. As a parting gesture, the man at the left spits on the German soil.



### PERSONAL STUFF

BY  
E. E. R.

I HOPE members of the C.C.F. will read the editorial in Maclean's Magazine, July 15th issue. It is entitled, "Election Issues for 1950". Here are the first few words: "Pause for a moment before you groan over the above headline, before you say, 'Why bring that up now? Let's have a rest.'" Then follows an appeal to get ready to beat the C.C.F. in 1950. After pointing out that "it would be exceedingly foolish to assume . . . that Socialism is a dead duck", the magazine goes on to show that the C.C.F. doubled its vote in the 1945 election and "there is no visible evidence that Mr. Coldwell and his followers are going to fold up; that they regard their cause as lost". The issues of the 1945 election were much more involved than they are likely to be in 1950, the editor thinks. "Individual Enterprise vs. Socialism was a major issue, but it wasn't the sole issue. It may be in 1950. Certainly the Socialists will do their best to make it so". Then follows a reproduction of an editorial from The Financial Post, which Maclean's (published by the same firm) modestly refers to as Canada's leading business newspaper. This is the editorial referred to in Major Ingle's article in a recent issue of the People's Weekly. It is a call to action to the battalions of "free Enterprise" to confound the Socialists in the next four or five years.

The next few months will demonstrate whether or not Maclean's and The Financial Post are over-estimating C.C.F. people; whether we have the intestinal fortitude they give us credit for. In some places in Alberta there is no room for doubt in the matter, as items of news in this issue indicate. It is cheering to read of activities being continued with increased enthusiasm in various parts of the province. Mr. Rowe's letter in The People Speak column tells of the kind of thing that makes the C.C.F. something more than a

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### SPYING ON UNIONS IS ADMITTED

"Special Branch" of Ontario Police is Used to Shadow Labor Men

#### "GESTAPO" PROBE

USE of labor spies to provide material for his numerous reports on the trade union movement has been admitted by Capt. Osborne-Dempster whose activities are being investigated by the LeBel Royal Commission on the "secret political police" charges made by E. B. Jolliffe.

Constable J. A. Rowe had testified that Dempster told him such "contacts" would include employees who had informed their foremen of union organization in their plants.

Photostatic copies of correspondence from union files in Hamilton are among the exhibits in the in-

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### NEVER DEFEATED UNLESS GOAL IS FALSE—IRVINE

"We must appeal to the love of life, justice, the love of our fellow-men and the love of living like human beings, if we are to succeed in politics," stated William Irvine, M.P., when addressing a meeting of the Calgary C.C.F., July 4, at the Labor Temple.

"We must present a constructive philosophy and in a manner which will appeal to the spirit within people," stated Mr. Irvine, in reviewing the election picture. "You are never defeated unless the thing you stand for has been false. The Trestrails have had their little day. Our time will come."

"Calgary is the place where I first saw the light of my political day. It is a pleasure to meet once again with Miss Patterson, Mrs. Wm. Carson and Jack Ford, and all my good friends."

"My victory in the Caribou came (Continued on Page Three)

### HIGHER SALARIES NOW EFFECTIVE

REGINA—July 1 was an important day in the lives of Saskatchewan school teachers. On that date legislation passed at the special session of the legislature came into effect, providing for an increased minimum in teacher's salaries, came into effect. Saskatchewan teachers now get a minimum salary of \$1,200 a year, provided they hold a permanent certificate, and \$1,000 for those who are qualifying for such a certificate. The minimum salary schedule is the highest in Canada. Former statutory minimum for the province was \$700 a year.

The new schedule went into effect July 1, the beginning of the new contract year. Period of time between enactment of the new measure and the time it went into effect gave school boards the chance to adjust their budgets.



DAVID LEWIS

### DECIDE FAMILY ALLOWANCE WON'T AFFECT PENSIONS

REGINA—Following representations made to the Dominion government by the Saskatchewan Department of Social Welfare, possibility is that pensioners may not have to include family allowances they receive as a part of their income.

Hon. O. W. Valleau has announced receipt of a communication from W. B. Ronson, assistant deputy minister of finance at Ottawa, stating the opinion that family allowances paid for the benefit of children should not be taken into account when rate of pension payable to an old age or blind pensioner is determined.

Mr. Ronson told Mr. Valleau that the federal department was prepared to amend the present old age pensions legislation to this effect, providing the provinces were agreeable. The provincial welfare department has notified Ottawa that it will agree to such a change.

The Saskatchewan government had already announced that there would be no reduction of Mothers' allowances on account of the family allowances.

### B.C. SUMMER CAMP STARTS ON JULY 21

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The CCF Summer School at Camp Woodsworth on Gabriola Island will be held this year for four weeks, opening on July 21, and closing on August 18. The cost will be the same as last year, \$9 a week for adults and \$7 a week for children under 12. Campers must bring their own bedding.

Bill Mundale again will be camp manager with Mr. and Mrs. Hulme as cooks. During the sessions a program chairman and recreation director will also be on hand.

The program committee is pleased to announce that arrangements for speakers are almost complete. The theme of the morning programs will be "A C.C.F. Government in B.C." In the evenings a variety of cultural and educational subjects will be featured, but each week a special speaker will lead a discussion on "Election Tactics" or "Organization". In addition, it is hoped that classes in economics and public speaking can be arranged for in the afternoons.

### SOURCE OF FUNDS MAY BE ILLEGAL

Lewis Reveals Letter to Business Firms from Publicity Group

#### TAX EXEMPTION?

OTTAWA—Calling for the appointment of a Royal Commission to enquire into the Public Information Association, David Lewis, C.C.F. National Secretary, told a C.C.F. rally at Britannia Park in Ottawa on Thursday night that he was convinced the source of funds supporting the Trestrail organization should be investigated, to learn whether large businesses were evading income and excess profits tax by making their "political contributions" through an Association which set itself up as a public relations agency. This investigation is particularly necessary in view of Mr. Trestrail's recent announcement that he will not only continue but expand the work of the Public Information Association.

Mr. Lewis said he had photostatic copies of a letter sent on May 1st by Mr. Trestrail to business firms,

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### CCF GOVERNMENT PROVIDES FOR HEALTH SERVICE

REGINA—Provision of more doctors for rural areas and an improvement in the standards of medical services offered to residents of Saskatchewan municipalities have been made possible through approval of basic provisions governing medical care grants to municipalities. Announcement that such regulations have been passed by order-in-council, under the Saskatchewan Health Services Act, has been made by Dr. C. F. W. Hames, deputy minister of public health. Grants are payable as from July 1.

Improvement in working conditions for doctors and assistance to municipalities in paying the doctors will help provide more medical men for the country districts, while the regulations also set a minimum standard for service to be offered by municipalities to their residents.

Under standard contracts, if a physician is paid a flat sum per year, the minimum shall not be less than \$5,000 for a 9-township municipality with a population of 2,000. Annual vacations of three weeks with pay are provided for physicians, while a superannuation plan is being considered.

A model contract has been drawn up, a sub-committee of the advisory committee to the Health Planning Commission having been consulted about this, as well as regarding the general regulations themselves.

Medical care grants consist of a per capita grant of 25 cents, and an equalization grant varying according to the municipality's assessment and population. The regulations allow municipalities and doctors complete freedom in arranging the manner in which the latter are to be paid.

### NEW ZEALAND IS PLANNING TO AID EX-SERVICEMEN

By Maurice Kitching  
(C.P.A. Correspondent)  
WELLINGTON, N.Z., June 15.

The young servicemen who have given four or five years of his life to the job of defending his country, as thousands of New Zealanders have, cannot be fully compensated by cash payments for the handicap which the loss of that time imposes upon him when he returns to civil life. He often needs, as well, some active assistance in getting into a civilian occupation, with a sound economic future.

New Zealand's Labor government has in the last few days announced that it will help its ex-servicemen in both these ways—by cash grants and by assisting them into industry.

Every New Zealand serviceman and servicewoman is to receive a war gratuity of £3 15s. for every month of service overseas and of 10 shillings for every month of home service. Details of how and when the gratuities will be paid and of payments to dependents of deceased servicemen are being worked out by the government with the New Zealand Returned Services Association.

The cost will be substantial to a small country with a high proportion of its manpower in the Armed Forces, but it will be cheerfully borne, for with a few profit-grabbing exceptions, the public is solidly behind the government.

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### C.N.R. Revenues Up

Operating revenues of the Canadian National Railways system, all-inclusive, for the month of May amounted to \$37,617,000. Operating expenses were \$30,019,000. The net revenue was \$7,598,000. In May, 1944, revenues were \$36,369,000; expenses, \$29,231,000, and net revenue \$7,138,000.

For the first five months of this year, operating revenues were \$174,212,000, operating expenses, \$144,162,000 and net revenue \$30,050,000.

# A Candidate Reviews the Election



By J. H. COLDWELL,  
Bow River



Another mile-stone in Canadian political history has been passed and the voice of the progressive is still "crying in the wilderness." Also this spring another chapter in world history was concluded by the cessation once more of "armed conflict" in Europe, only to leave Capitalism's economic war to brew as before.

We are at the end of an era and the commencement of a new one. If ever in economic history there was an appropriate time for a re-dedication of our governing duties, it is NOW. Evolution in this respect—while far out-distanced by our advance in science, invention and education—is constantly knocking at our door, but special privilege by fanning superstition and creating unwarranted suspicion, evidently can still beguile sufficient of the populace to keep the door bolted against it, and continue their exploitation.

It is high time this "non-political myth" was exploded and all patrons and employees of true co-operative concerns—whether marketing or consumer, all members of labor and farm organizations, come clean and call a spade a spade. Be bold enough to tell the world the merits of co-operation and organization: that it is to remove from our backs the exploiters whose exploitation is the cause of poverty amidst plenty due to the inequity.

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able distribution of wealth, and in order to be logical, that the C.C.F. is the political expression of that belief. It is only natural in "following through" that this great body of people be C.C.F.ers, and don't hide this fact "under a bushel."

### Politics a "Must"

Sink or swim, the bogey of "not taking part in politics" must end if we are ever going to emancipate ourselves. Instead of it being a "hands off" subject it should be the paramount duty of every citizen. If it is not, then he is shirking his duty. The policy of remaining adamant on this question has been in practice long enough and apparently still of no avail, otherwise election after election would not continue to return a reactionary government. Remove the stigma attached to the word "politics" and what remains is: Government in the National Field. Nothing infamous about that surly.

Heretofore there was at least some "shadow boxing" between other parties in a Federal election, but in this case there was complete unanimity among all opposing parties, that their united fire be concentrated on the C.C.F. No wonder, since the C.C.F. is now the only threat to so-called "free private enterprise!" Other pseudo — so-called progressives have bowed to the status quo, while knowingly or otherwise, using our ideology to lure sufficient of the electorate away from their true emancipators.

### Old Parties Hopeless

Experience is too good a teacher to permit any ray of hope of reform on the part of the two old line parties, and I am satisfied it is only pride and a reluctance to admit having been fooled on the part of so-called "Social Crediters" that they still are uncommunicative and aloof to the real forces of liberation about them. How can their present incumbent sit with any degree of comfort when, either knowing he is a party to betraying them, or lulled into a trance by black magic words "International Finance" and "Monetary Reform" inside the crystal ball? I am sure his nights are haunted with "Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive." The so-called Labor Progressives although quite a nuisance are in my opinion just a stooge for the Liberal party.

Anyway the "battle of the ballots" is over for a time at least, and "what a time" the next few years will be. The government having secured office on the promise of "Jobs and security" when its very inherent nature is to deny both! We shall see what we shall see.

### Soldiers Strongly C.C.F.

It is pleasing to note the strong trend toward the C.C.F. revealed in the soldier vote. Not only did it unseat Mackenzie King in our favor, but it saved my deposit. In Bow River there were 61 Communist votes, 504 C.C.F. votes, 481 Social Credit, 189 Conservative, 185 Liberal. Note the ratio as compared to the civilian vote. (Page Mr. B. A. Trestrail)

A friend of ours from overseas writes: "Quite a few over here are pulling for the C.C.F. and wishing they were home to tell their folks how to vote." A neighbor at Conrich writes me quoting his son overseas: "I have just received my election ballot, I voted for a fellow named Coldwell, do you know anything about him?"

Reading and hearing about the C.C.F. in Saskatchewan I believe we should vote for them."

A C.W.A.C. friend at Ottawa writes: "A couple of days ago some of us witnessed the return from overseas of a group of boys. Mackenzie King was there to welcome them and all that bluff; it was really humiliating, the active service personnel recalling what he hadn't done, practically booed him off the stage."

### Gain 1200 Votes

Comparing this election with that of five years ago and other Alberta constituencies, I feel that Bow River need have no regrets. Here are the comparative figures including the soldier vote: 1940, 2,197; 1945, 3,386.

From this zero hour as it were, let us keep our organization intact, renew our membership promptly each year, continually solicit new members and strive for the organization of a local in every polling division. Every C.C.F.er should take the C.C.F. paper the "People's Weekly" and circulate it among neighbors. That alone can do wonders in increasing our support. It is my hope that we can find ways and means to keep up that weekly broadcast and have the National Leader on the CBC three or four times a year.

We know the points advocated in our program must be achieved to properly adjust our social and economic structure. Therefore what more worthy, noble, honorable, timely and Christian duty can one perform than be part of this crusade?

## TO DESTROY VOTES 2000 SERVICEMEN

Some 2,000 servicemen who voted for candidates of their choice in Halifax constituency voted in vain, because their ballots are not going to be counted.

Reason given for their disfranchising of these servicemen by Colonel D. S. Bauld of Halifax, Special Returning Officer for the Maritimes and Labrador, is that the envelopes arrived late. They should have been received by him by 6 p.m. on June 11th, but were not received until the 12th and 13th.

### C.C.F. Protests

As soon as word of this reached C.C.F. headquarters, Campaign Manager Thomas Burgess and candidates Rooney and Shaw protested sharply to the returning officer. "We feel very strongly that these service men and women who have given years of service in the preservation of democratic institutions should not be disfranchised on any trivial technicality."

Asked for a statement on these service ballots, Colonel Bauld quoted the regulations as follows: "The ballot paper contained in such unopened outer envelopes (those arriving late) shall be deemed to be a rejected ballot."

### Ask Public Inquiry

If these ballots were cast in time it was not the fault of the servicemen and women that they arrived late. The people of Halifax will want to know where the delay was, who was responsible for the delay, and why this should

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## - PICKIN'S -

It has always struck us as being akin to shooting sparrows with a double barrel shotgun, or swiping pennies from a kid's piggy bank to play upon the weakness of humanity through an appeal to their emotions; to cater to their likes and dislikes.

We like to feel that we have rescued some erring soul through an appeal to his intelligence backed by facts and figures, but when we realize that so-called hard headed business men prefer listening to the optimistic predictions of some after dinner speaker from Montreal or Toronto, and who makes it his business to tell them the things he knows they would like to hear, but who refuse to face cold facts,—we feel discouraged.

### ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL TERMINOLOGY

Deserving Applicants—A bankers term, designating a man who keeps his affairs in such shape that he can tell the Banker to go to hell.

War Profiteer—A worm in the

apple of patriotism.

Traitor—An Alberta doctor who advises his patient to change climate.

Chisler—A dealer who keeps his overhead down and gives his customers the benefit.

Conservative—One whose ancestors stayed in the trees, long after the rest of the tribe hit the ground.

Red—Any individual who proposes a Measure that might touch our pocketbooks.

Big Business preaches "Individualism" but practises "Co-operation"—within its own boundaries of course.

### WE WONDER—

What the Social Credit cabinet will do if it ever gets up early enough on a Sunday morning and hears Mr. Manning preaching some good C.C.F. Socialism, which he does occasionally. Maybe the boys don't own radios and Mr. Low is too busy being "Dynamic" anyway.

Oh Hum!

## May Broadcast Proceedings of Australia House

Nation-wide broadcasts of proceedings in the Federal Parliament may be introduced into Australia following an investigation now being conducted by the Australian Broadcasting Commission. An officer of the Commission probably will visit New Zealand soon to examine the methods adopted there for Parliamentary broadcasts, and the interest shown in them by the public. Advocates of parliamentary broadcasts claim that the public is able, at all times, to keep a check on the activities of its elected representatives in the Federal Parliament; also the fact that members of Parliament would be addressing a "live" microphone would keep their speeches short, their thoughts concise and their policies true to election promises.

A minister whose hobby was collecting butterflies, was escorting a party of young ladies on a walk through the woods. They came to a stream where a fisherman was sitting on the bank.

The fisherman saw the minister's butterfly net, and not understanding, asked: "Catching minnows, mister?"

"Sir, I'm a fisher of men," replied the minister.

"Well," replied the fisherman, looking at the girls, "you've got the right bait."

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## SLIGHT ERRORS

For some months after the Teheran conference American (Canadian included) Communists denounced anyone who did not accept the conference results as a formula for postwar settlement of capitalism's contradictions. Anyone who challenged the possibility of amicable settlement of social and economic problems by a meeting of Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill was branded as a menace to world peace and prosperity.

In Canada the C.C.F. was branded as "anti-Teheran" because C.C.F. leaders expressed their doubts about such magic settlement of the world's economic problems by three individuals. Those who pointed out that inner-contradictions of capitalism did not permit amicable settlement of economic problems of capitalist empires, were branded as "un-Marxian." The word Teheran almost became a greeting word between "comrades." Like "Heil Hitler" to Nazis.

And then came the dawn. The struggle in Greece, Italy and Poland showed up the shoe-string nature of the Teheran agreement. Shortly soon the word Teheran was eliminated from Communist publications. One did not hear it mentioned very often. Now, it's forgotten. The last echo of it was sounded a month ago in New York at a meeting of National Board of the Communist Political Association. A draft resolution was passed at that meeting with only Earl Browder voting against it. This resolution admits the "error" of interpreting the Teheran conference as a solution to capitalist problems.

Here is part of it as reprinted in Canadian Tribune June 16: (Speaking of mistakes) "In the recent period especially since January 1944, these mistakes consisted in drawing a number of erroneous conclusions from the historic significance of the Teheran accord. Among these false conclusions was the concept that after the military defeat of Germany the decisive sections of big capital would participate in the struggle to create the destruction of fascism and would co-operate with the working people in the maintenance of post-war national unity. This illusion had no foundation in life, either in the class nature of finance capital or in the post-war aims of the trusts and cartels which seek imperialist aggrandisement and huge profits at the expense of the people. This has been amply demonstrated by recent events. This revision of Marxist-Leninist theory regarding the role of monopoly capitalism, after military victory, led to other erroneous conclusions, such as to utopian perspectives and the possibility of achieving the national liberation of the colonial and dependent countries through arrangements between the great powers. It also led to tendencies to obscure the class nature of bourgeois democracy to false concepts of social evolution and to minimizing the independent and leading role of the working class."

In other words American Communists admit that they were un-Marxian in their interpretation of events, and the much maligned C.C.F. were correct.

However, such "slight errors" are of no consequence to the comrades. It's all in a day's work. No apologies are needed. Like wandering nomads the American Communists pull up their stakes and proceed in any direction their fancy guides them. Consistency is a term foreign to their vocabulary.

SEND A SAMPLE COPY TO A FRIEND—THEY WILL LIKE THE PEOPLE'S WEEKLY.

## The People Speak

Letters to the editor may be published under a pseudonym, but in each case the name and address of the writer must be forwarded to the editor as evidence of good faith. The People's Weekly takes no responsibility for opinions expressed by correspondents and will not publish any letters exceeding 250 words in length.

## STILL IN THE RING

Editor People's Weekly,  
Sir: Buck Liberton and Modesto Creek C.C.P. clubs combined with splendid co-operation of the settlers, staged a picnic and dance on June 30th at the Lindale Hall site on Buck Creek. The weather was propitious and the large attendance resulted in net receipts of \$103.50. This affair was arranged before the Federal election date, but its outcome fits in with our National President's appeal for all clubs to continue to keep active and vigorous. These two clubs are neither dead nor sleeping, and we trust the C.C.P. supporters throughout the Province will note our rate of progress. It has been decided to make this an annual affair.

THOS. H. ROWE,  
Sec.-Treas.  
Liberton Club,  
Carmwood, Alberta.

## PAPER SHORTAGE?

Editor, People's Weekly,  
Sir: I believe that it is generally felt in this country, that our neighbors across the line have but a dim idea of Canada and of Canadian affairs. There are many stories which bear out this contention. This is of course a barrier to international friendship. We might expect our government to encourage the circulation of reputable Canadian publications in the United States. Nothing of the kind. We find that Maclean's and others prohibited from sending new subscriptions abroad, on a plea of paper shortage. At the same time, paper was forthcoming for Trestrail's notorious and ill-begotten "Social Suicide" in its millions of copies.

So, is our government working towards international understanding and goodwill, or towards national misunderstanding and confusion?

BESSIE CALDWELL,  
Asplund, Alberta.

## DIDN'T LIKE CARTOON

Editor, People's Weekly,  
Sir: I take the liberty to write a few lines re the People's Weekly. I think it is very regrettable that a cartoon like "Prince Albert Liberated" should appear in our paper. It can be taken as a joke but opponents will use it otherwise, and I think it puts us very much on the level with them. You know what they did with Mr. Winch's statement which was all right as a whole, but did the party a lot of harm. If he had just said that law and order would be kept as it is done now, there could have been no twisting, or at least not the same opportunity for it.

Also, the paper would be better off without some of the rather shady humor that appears in "A Bit of Nonsense" column. It shouldn't be necessary to cut out parts of the paper before passing it on to others to read.

Yours for progress,  
P. O. MOLINE,  
College Heights, Alberta.

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## WANT A.F.U. MEMBER TO READ BOOKLET

Editor, People's Weekly,  
Sir: In reply to A.F.U. member from Vegreville, I should like to point out that his notions of the "allegedly fascist Federation of Canadian Voters, with its screwy idea of doing away with elections by ballot" (to quote himself), have been conceived from misinformation and born of ignorance. I should like to know the name of the A.F.U. member who wrote the letter and I will send him a copy of the booklet and if he can find a single sentence in it which bears out what he says, I will sever my connection with it, and have nothing more to do with it.

It is no wonder that efforts to make democracy work meet with failure when so many are ready to make a sweeping condemnation without any investigation at all.

Yours truly,  
H. E. NICHOLS.

## NEW ZEALAND IS

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ernment's active program of rehabilitation.

## Aid Re-establishment

Concurrently with the decision to pay gratuities, the government has gazetted a regulation to aid ex-servicemen wishing to establish themselves in any one of the 36 industries licensed under the Industrial Efficiency act of 1936, which prevents uneconomic competition in those industries.

The new regulation gives the Bureau of Industry, which administers the act, power to refuse or grant leave to transfer a license to any person who is not a discharged serviceman if it is satisfied that there is a discharged serviceman ready and willing to purchase as a going concern the business in respect of which the license is in force. The bureau may in similar circumstances refuse to grant a license to anyone not a discharged serviceman unless there is an urgent necessity for its being granted, or may grant only a temporary license.

The industries affected are mostly manufacturing industries. They include fisheries, fruit and vegetable canning, petrol distribution, the pharmacy industry and the manufacture of radios and electric ranges.

The bureau of industry is circularizing existing license-holders, totalling about 5,000, suggesting that they bear in mind ex-servicemen if they want to sell. With a view to finding openings for ex-servicemen the department of industries and commerce is to make a survey of licensed industries.

"It is not preference that is sought so much as equality" commented the minister of rehabilitation, Hon. C. F. Skinner. The regulation was an attempt to compensate ex-servicemen for the opportunities they had missed by reason of their war service.



## By H. ZELLA SPENCER

In the face of the many disappointments we as the C.C.F. have had, it is pleasant to be able to recount the success of the Saskatchewan candidate in the Shellbrook constituency. We congratulate the successful candidate and the workers and constituency. Also we congratulate the government that its work has been appreciated in the face of the black-or-is-it-red? picture that is painted of the ghastly future that lies ahead if a C.C.F. policy is put into operation.

And certainly every effort was made to defeat the candidate if at all possible. I noted in the official organ of the Social Credit party, for instance, that Alberta lent every assistance it could, and quote: "From Edmonton five dynamic Social Credit spokesmen will leave for Saskatchewan immediately to assist Mr. Courchene in his campaign. They are Solon Low, M.P. for Peace River and National Leader of the Social Credit Association of Canada; Jack Shaw, M.P. who was re-elected in his riding of an avalanche vote; W. F. Kuhl, M.P. for Jasper-Edson since 1935, Patrick H. Ashby M.P. for Edmonton East—the man who overwhelmed one of the remaining Liberal strongholds in Alberta on June 11th last and the Hon. Lucien Maynard, Attorney General of the Province."

So I suppose we should be the more pleased when we know such effort was made against our CCF.

## Never Defeated

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about by the help and support of members of the C.C.F., who rallied to my support as well as the constituency in which they resided. The help of Mr. Roper and Mr. Cliff Lee did much towards the winning of the Caribou."

## Left Mark in Calgary

Edith Patterson introduced Mr. Irvine. She commented on the great mark he had left on Calgary, through his early days in the ministry, by his Sunday Forums, and the years in which he represented Calgary East in the House of Commons. The election of Mr. Irvine was a personal victory for his

For I can well imagine those "five dynamic Social Credit spokesmen" painted a very lurid word-picture of the fate that would ultimately befall them if they supported the C.C.F. with its what they choose to call "National Socialistic" policy—insisting that is our C.C.F. policy.

But one does need a joke once in a while instead of the repeated bitterness and scorn we read. And can't we have a laugh—an amused one, not a bitter one? We might note that self-same paper reflecting in its biting, withering sarcasm to the what they term the bribe that won the election for Mackenzie King—the Family Allowance. Our minds travel back to a \$25 a month promise which never materialized beyond a promise, and we wonder the term they apply to it.

We notice their contemptuous reference to this "Socialistic" measure. One wonders what they consider the free hospitalization of mothers in this Province. Is it supposed to savor of a bribe or of socialism? One wonders just how trying it must be to draw the very fine line of distinction. In the meantime we can have our little laugh to ourselves at the queer creatures we humans are.

In addition to our laugh, we can have the satisfaction of realizing that if we cannot ourselves bring some of our socialistic policies into effect, we can push "the other fellow" into having to adopt some.

friends in Calgary.

A. J. E. Liesemer, M.L.A., heartily thanked Mr. Irvine for coming to us. He commented on his warm and kindly understanding, his youthful enthusiasm, his sense of humor.

"Mr. Irvine has never lost the love of justice and his fellowman. If we are going to make our own small contribution we must emulate him," stated Mr. Liesemer.

Don McIntosh reported on the membership drive and Joe Sykes on the pledge drive.

Mrs. Johnson asked for the support of members at the booth at the Fair Grounds. "This is one time we can eat our way out of debt," stated Mrs. Johnson.

Flowers for the evening were supplied by John Davidson.

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## MUST PLAN FOR PEACE

ACCORDING to a fairy tale repeated by Alberta Social Crediters as a propaganda line to keep Alberta people from thinking too much about Fallow's roads and the hand-outs to the bondholders, the London School of Economics is at the bottom of our troubles. This institution, so the S.C. story goes, was organized to train Socialist "planners" to take over the functions of government.

Apart from being a complete invention of the fevered brain of Major Douglas, the contention is made nonsense by the fact that the author of "The Road to Serfdom", which Social Credit leaders quote with such unctious, was written by a Professor of the London School of Economics. As everyone now knows the book is the one most quoted by those who oppose any kind of social planning or economic control by government. Professor Hayek, author of "The Road to Serfdom" is an Australian who went to England with other German and Austrian scholar exiles in the early 1930's. They were welcomed at the London School of Economics and have since been carrying on a crusade for "free enterprise".

Unable to propose any logical argument against economic planning, Hayek resorts throughout his book to the suggestion that planning must be wrong because Hitler planned. Stuart Chase in a masterly reply to the professor reduces his argument to syllogisms like the following:

Hitler plans

Lord Keynes (or the C.C.F.) plans

Therefore Lord Keynes equals Hitler.

Yet it would be as fair to say:

Hitler uses tanks

General Eisenhower uses tanks

Therefore General Eisenhower equals Hitler.

Planning for war trebled Canadian production, and gave jobs to Canadians who formerly were unemployed. Planning for peace is equally essential. When that fact becomes apparent, as it soon will, the people of Canada will realize how inimical to social welfare have been the specious arguments of the Hayeks and those who quoted them.

## DOING A GOOD JOB

IT MAY be necessary sometime to disagree with some of the statements of Captain Harper Prowse, M.L.A., in respect to methods to be adopted to deal with rehabilitation problems, but certainly the zeal which the A. n. y member of the legislature is showing in representing his constituents is highly commendable. Members of the legislature who consider their work ended after they have spent six weeks in session once a year are not good representatives of the people. Captain Prowse cannot be placed in that class.

It is a great advantage to servicemen to have an able and constant advocate who uses every possible opportunity to bring to public attention the problems and needs of the men who have given an important part of their lives to the nation. With the experience of the last war still fresh in the minds of a great many Canadians the necessity for plain speaking about the responsibilities of government, business and other elements of the population cannot be questioned. The Army representative is performing this function in an effective way.

While not failing to uphold the claims of the servicemen as being of a special nature, Captain Prowse realizes that satisfactory rehabilitation of men and women who have been in the armed forces is dependent on general national prosperity. He is emphatic in the contention that security for returning service people can only be obtained by achieving security for all the population. That is the sensible and sound approach to the problem of rehabilitation.

Army personnel who elected Captain Prowse have reason to feel that they made a good choice as long as he continues to pursue his present course.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

All C.C.F. people ask the general voting public to do is watch the work of the C.C.F. members of parliament, and judge the C.C.F. on that record. If the C.C.F. members do not deal in parliament with those things which are of vital importance to the great bulk of the Canadian population, the movement will have to prove itself to be unworthy of support. On the other hand, if the C.C.F. members of parliament do represent the interests of the people, that should be a good reason for electing a C.C.F. government at the next election. The task of C.C.F. people is to get information about the activities of C.C.F. members of parliament to their neighbors.

Chances are that George Drew will find plenty of loopholes to avoid keeping his promise to resign if Jolliffe's "restapies" charges were proven. But no one who has read the evidence given at the enquiry can doubt that such an organization was in operation and that its chief function was to spy on political opponents of the government. Osborne-Dempster will "take the rap", and there may even be people who will believe that such a department of police could be in operation without the Premier and Attorney General of the province knowing anything about it! That is Drew's amazing claim.

## THE THIRD COLUMN

"The history of American economy is one of increasing effort, verging on the superhuman, to prevent the people of this country from obtaining the goods that the great resources of the country and the technical skill have made possible."

"American capitalists, noted for their ingenuity, have outdone themselves in their endeavor to keep production low and prices high. Employing patents, financial control, boycotts, combination trade marks; in fact every imaginable device. Others have followed suit in desperation and defence."

"Thus the four horsemen, Fixed Prices, Slow Turnover, Restricted Production, Monopoly Control, rode through our country from factory to farm."

"The picture of a country trying as hard to throat itself is not new but always shocking." —Thurman Arnold's "Democracy and Free Enterprise."

"What many who have little use for Mr. King do not understand is that he is not soft or easily pushed around. Beneath the softness is a hard, tough core and no Minister has been able to fiddle too far without having his fingers mashed by it. And with nothing will Mr. King stand less interference than with his sacred formula for winning Quebec. All the circumlocutions in his speeches, all his twistings and turnings give the impression of a man who can't make up his mind. Mr. King can make up his mind. But he does so only after the most careful assessing of all the facts, with the one great thing always to the front: winning Quebec." —L. L. L. Golden in "News" Toronto.

"Even if it were true, which it is not, that the objective of modern taxation is the general good, there is neither moral justification nor pragmatic excuse for the advancement of the general good at the imposed expense of one single individual. That is the colossal fallacy which was propagated by the Old Testament and exposed by the New Testament." —The Social Credit, June 9, 1945.

"I believe in a candidate being treated with the same care as a boxer going into the ring. The great thing is that the candidate is enabled to put the maximum punch into platform work, and such personal canvassing as is helpful. It really is worth while, therefore, not to drag unnecessarily at his or her energies by adding tasks that others can equally well perform. And candidates, on their side, I am sure, can contribute more to the smooth running of the campaign by keeping out of the committee rooms as much as possible and not fussing by trying to be agent as well as candidate." —Jennie Lee in the Tribune.

"The setback to the Socialist C.C.F. (in the Ontario election) was not as shattering as it looked. It certainly did not mean what jubilant right-wingers claimed it meant: the certain doom of the party. Though C.C.F.'ers got only 8% of the 90 seats in the provincial legislature, they received 22% of the popular vote. What was even more interesting: in the 13 ridings in traditionally conservative Toronto, 667 more people (73,087) actually voted C.C.F. this time than in the last provincial election (1943).

"Obviously the Progressive Conservative triumph was due less to a decline in C.C.F. popularity than to a record outpouring of Progressive Conservative voters." —"Time," June 18, 1945



## The Wisdom Of BEAVERBROOK

RIGHT up to the outbreak of war on September 3, 1939, Beaverbrook lulled a section of the British public into apathy by his ridiculous daily assertion that "There will be no war in Europe this year or next year."

During the fateful years 1936-39 he did more than any other individual to obstruct an anti-Nazi alliance between Britain, France and Russia. This was his foreign policy: Refuse all alliances with European democracies; retire into "Splendid Isolation"; give Hitler a free hand in Europe. We know now that had his advice been unreservedly adopted the whole of the world would have been handed to Hitler on a plate.

Below we give extracts from the black record of the man who will be Churchill's chief adviser if a Tory Government is returned to power.

Neville Chamberlain is expected shortly to become Prime Minister. He could confer no greater benefit on his fellow countrymen than by leading them into Splendid Isolation. —*Evening Standard*, Mar. 6, 1937.

At home the Socialists oppose the policy of isolation. Naturally. The Socialists want Britain to take up the quarrel of International Socialism against the Fascist Powers. The public has other views on that. . . . Isolation, which means keeping out of wars that don't concern us, continues to make headway in Britain. —*Daily Express*, Sept. 22, 1937.

We find Mr. Attlee arguing that the Government should act in concert with the rest of the world to put economic pressure on Japan. There is, of course, not the remotest possibility of any such action being taken. The conditions for it do not exist. The will to it does not exist. The public will turn with relief from the tedious claptrap of the Socialists to the strong note of realism which was sounded by Mr. Chamberlain. —*Evening Standard*, Oct. 22, 1937.

Germany, after a decade during which her national feeling was unnaturally depressed, is experiencing the inevitable reaction—an orgy of nationalist self-assertion. But that fever, too, will pass. Especially if we make it plain that we mean to seek appeasement with Germany. —*Evening Standard*, April 9, 1938.

Now to keep peace with the dictators we must avoid pledging ourselves to the democracies. For all we know the democracies of today may be the dictatorships of tomorrow. . . . Whether or not we like their methods only the intolerant could refuse to acknowledge that their achievements have been stupendous. —*Evening Standard*, May 21, 1938.

Mr. Chamberlain wants an appeasement with Germany. He is for a settlement with that nation, meeting her just and reasonable claims, allowing her the freedom she requires to pursue her legitimate ambitions. In that desire the Prime Minister will find the nation with him. The public sympathises with his aim to reach an honorable accommodation with Hitler. It rejects the conception that hostility between Germany and Britain is inevitable. —*Daily Express*, Oct. 26, 1938.

His (Chamberlain's) new precept offers a fresh hope of peace and contentment for the British people. . . . Appeasement does not threaten these (Imperial) institutions. Our liberties and Empire can best be retained and strengthened if we are ready to treat other nations, whatever their Government, with respect. That goes equally for the totalitarian States such as Germany. . . . —*Evening Standard*, Nov. 10, 1938.

Here is the latest absurdity that rears its head in Europe! The Czechs are coming after us with a demand that we should give in definite terms a guarantee to defend their indefensible frontiers. But the Czechs have now passed into the German orbit. They are a German province. . . . So if we give them a guarantee we will simply be guaranteeing Germans against Germans. And we will be giving those people the chance to embroil us by pretending to quarrel with one another. —*Daily Express*, Nov. 26, 1938.

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## TRIBUTE PAID TO WORKERS IN ELECTION FIGHT

Campaign Manager Harry  
Smith Reports to  
Meeting

Harry W. Smith, campaign manager for the constituencies of East and West Edmonton in the recent federal election, gave his report to a well-attended meeting of the Edmonton C.C.F. on Tuesday.

Calling attention to the largely increased popular C.C.F. vote in the Edmonton ridings, Mr. Smith paid a warm tribute to the many workers who assisted throughout the campaign. High praise for the candidates, Miss Mary Crawford and Alexander H. D. Ainlay, was also tendered by the campaign manager.

Part of Mr. Smith's report follows:

"That we failed to elect either of our candidates does not mean that we did not win a victory. The great increase in our popular vote in both constituencies could be a cause of satisfaction to us all—and a challenge to us all to continue the fight, from now on until the next election, whether Provincial or Federal.

"The distributing of election literature was a tremendous undertaking. This was done by the membership except in a very few cases where we hired a few boys to do the job, and in the outlying districts where we mailed it to each family on the voters lists. I want to thank everyone who did this thankless task. They did a great job.

## Coldwell Rally

"The two big rallies of the campaign were a decided success. The first at the Masonic Temple where the Hon. C. C. Williams and Alex. Common, M.L.A. of Saskatchewan spoke, while not as well attended as it might have been gave us a big push up with which to start the active campaign. The meeting at the Arena addressed by our great National Leader, M. J. Coldwell, M.P. was the high spot of the election campaign in the city of Edmonton.

By having this rally at the Arena Mr. Coldwell was able to speak to over twice as many people as he could have reached at the Empire Theatre. Compared with the 450 who heard Mr. King at the Macdonald Hotel, or the 1,000 at the Empire who heard Mr. Bracken and 800 who heard Mr. Manning, we had over three times the number in attendance at our rally. If this meeting did only one thing, it made Edmonton C.C.F.-conscious. In discussing this meeting it is only fair to say that there was a certain amount of far regarding such undertaking among some of the officers of the organization. That these fears were groundless is borne out by the results. The idea of this affair originated with the members of the Woodsworth Club, was presented to the joint constituencies by them and approved. It was carried out entirely by a committee under the chairmanship of Tommy Truscott, assisted by Messrs. Margoulis, McMahon, King, Sykes and Clark and Samuel.

## Polls Covered

"Regarding syntheses on election day, while we could have used more than we had, I am told that the polls were better covered than at any previous election. Here I would like to pay tribute to Dr. Geneva Misener, who supervised the polls in Edmonton West, and Bill Thornton who supervised in Edmonton East. I'd like to mention each and everyone who gave their time at polling booths—they did a great work.

"Dealing with publicity, we can surely say we had the best. We were able to see that every house

## MAKES REPORT



HARRY W. SMITH

in East and West Edmonton received a copy of the special edition of the People's Weekly. This was a splendid piece of publicity and we know it had a very good effect.

The publicity for the Arena meeting was tops, and the work of those who were out night after night papering the city cannot be praised too highly. This work was all done between dusk and dawn, and I am sure our candidates are the best known citizens of Edmonton. Every telephone pole in the city told us to vote for Mary Crawford or Harry Ainlay. The bicycle parade advertising the Coldwell meeting was also most effective, and a very trying job for the young folks who took part in it.

"In summing up, I first want to thank you all for the honor of being your campaign manager. To have worked with you was a privilege. If I gave offence to anyone, I ask their indulgence. For all the many kindnesses I received from the membership, again, thank you. A special thank you to all those who gave their time, money and energies. Especially to the C.C.Y.M., to the Edmonton Ladies C.C.F. Club, to the Beards of East and West Edmonton, and to the Central Executive. I want to pay tribute to the kindness and assistance that I received from Mr. Elmer E. Roper. He was never too busy to listen and advise. His co-operation was always helpful. It was given at all times even when he was so ill he should have been in the hospital. With the spirit and co-operation that exists in the C.C.F. we are bound to win. So to each and everyone, I give this message: 'Fight On'.

"We should keep our poll organization intact, and make it the centre of Social activities in future. In East Edmonton the constituency has been zoned, with a supervisor for each zone, and a poll captain for each poll. I recommend that West Edmonton be zoned in a like manner, and that the Zone supervisors be made responsible for their Districts, and that a program of social gatherings be got under way in both constituencies in the early fall. I feel we spend too much time in theoretical discussion, that we are apt to take ourselves too seriously. A little less dogmatism and a larger stress on the social side of life. I am sure you will pay big dividends. There is a lot of excellent talent among our young folks. We must use this as a means of bringing people into our movement."

The meeting concluded with dancing and refreshments.

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GUY VAN EATON

Winning his first by-election by a majority of 900, the C.C.F. government of Saskatchewan retained the Shellbrook riding last week. The successful candidate, Guy Van Eaton has been in the C.C.F. since the beginning.

## SPIRIT RIVER CONVENTION ON WEDNESDAY, 25TH

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An enthusiastic and well attended convention of the Pembina C.C.F. Association was held in the Barrhead Hall on Thursday afternoon, May 28. Thirty-two members were present representing all corners of the constituency.

The President, Mr. M. Fjelstad of Dapp, gave an inspiring address in which he stated that it was disappointing that such capable and well qualified candidates as Mrs. Nellie Peterson, C. A. Ronning, H. D. Ainlay and others would not be members of our Dominion parliament, but that the C.C.F. must continue to inform the public of their policy.

Mr. Chas. Paterson sponsored a resolution that a projector be obtained for use in this constituency to publicize the work of co-operatives etc. in other countries. It was decided to go into the matter of financing such an enterprise at a later meeting.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was held, and delegates to the Provincial convention appointed.

Wide and useful discussions were held concerning the future organization and judging by the enthusiasm of those present, the program of the C.C.F. will, in this constituency at least, be presented with more vigor than ever before.

The convention also donated a free trip to the next Provincial Convention to the member securing the most memberships between now and November 1, 1945.

## Annual Picnic At Valleyview

The Valleyview C.C.F. Club held their annual picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Lien on June 9th. It was well attended and a considerable sum was realized. This will be used to promote various community welfare projects. They are also having a dance on July 13 for the same purpose.

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# ONE YEAR OF SOCIALISM IN SASKATCHEWAN

Readers of the People's Weekly will be interested in a review of the accomplishments of the C.C.F. government in Saskatchewan by a staff writer of the Worldover Press. People outside of Canada have their eyes on Saskatchewan.

By T. A. Rusch  
(Worldover Press Correspondent)

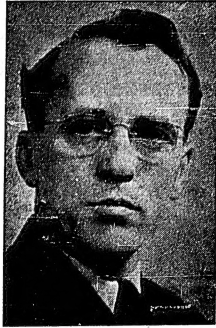
On June 15, 1944, the first socialist government ever to be elected on the North American continent came to power in Canada. Political observers in both the Dominion and the United States have watched with keen interest the legislation passed by the majority Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (C.C.F.) party as a clue to the pattern of life to the voters in the federal elections June 11.

In two legislative sessions, one last fall and one this spring, the C.C.F. government laid the basis for its five-year term of office. The first budget calls for an expenditure of \$6 million dollars in the next financial year, with an expected surplus of \$31,000 in revenue over expenditure.

This represents an increased expenditure of nearly six million dollars on health services, social welfare, pensions, educational grants, agriculture, roads and highways, and industrial development.

Only increase in taxation is a one cent per gallon increased levy on gasoline for the construction of new roads and highways. The magnitude of this budget is appreciated when it is known that Saskatchewan is the second poorest province in the Dominion and its sources of income therefore limited.

In a move to establish security for the urban worker, three important pieces of legislation were passed: the Trade Union Act, guaranteeing collective bargaining rights and prohibiting unfair



T. C. DOUGLAS,  
Premier of Saskatchewan

labor practices, administered by a Labor Relations Board; the Annual Holidays Act, providing two weeks vacation a year with wages paid in advance to all employees except farm workers; and an act creating a Department of Labor to enforce the labor laws.

Farmers to Get Debt Moratorium in Hard Years

Highlights of the farm legislation were the cancellation of nearly nine million dollars of seed grain and relief indebtedness accumulated for the most part during the drought-stricken thirties, and the passage of a Farm Security act which provides that no farmer can be evicted from his home quarter section of 160 acres under a mortgage agreement, and that farmers operating land under mortgages or agreements of sale are relieved of making principal payments during crop-failure years. The effect of the latter is to postpone principal payments for one year.

Amendments added to the Exemptions Act provide that

an execution debtor shall keep a sufficient part of his crop to meet legitimate harvesting costs; necessary living allowances for himself and family, and costs of farming operations for the same period of time, including seed for his cultivated land and oil and gasoline. Objective of this legislation is to secure for farmers their homes and protect them from creditors during crop-failure years.

Socialization of existing industries and the development of new ones is provided in three basic pieces of legislation: 1. An amendment to the Power Commissions act enables the government to take over power companies in the province by purchasing common shares instead of having to buy the plant and machinery. Controlling shares of the Dominion Electric Company have already been purchased. Earnings of the utility are expected to pay for the shares in 12 years.

2. The Crown Corporations act provides for the organization of crown companies to engage in socially owned and operated industrial and commercial enterprises. The building of a woolen mill at Moose Jaw, a brick plant at Estevan, and the opening of a government insurance business have been authorized under this act. In primarily agricultural Saskatchewan, socialized enterprises will necessarily be new industries started by the government.

3. A Transport Board was created and empowered to engage in carrying passengers and freight by air, bus and truck. The government expects soon to bring the bus lines of the province under its control.

Social Insurance and Education Expanded

Among measures passed dealing with social welfare, free health services are guaranteed to old age and blind pensioners and the recipients of mothers' allowances, and free surgical and hospital treatment for all cancer patients. Increased grants were given to municipalities and health regions, a new grant for a physical fitness program, and a grant for the construction of a medical college at the University of Saskatchewan. Increases will also benefit the Public Health Nursing and Sanitation program, old age pensioners and mothers' allowances.

Beginning next term, free textbooks will be supplied to pupils in grades one to eight inclusive, and \$60,000 has been set aside for the launching of an adult education program. Teachers have received raises, and additional grants will go to school districts for improvements and expansion.

The franchise was extended by lowering the voting age in provincial elections to 18, giving the rural municipal franchise to tenant farmers, and establishing universal franchise in city, town and village elections for all residents, whether property-holders or not, who are 21 and have lived in the municipality for six months.

Realizing that the first year of the new socialist government has just seen the organizing and planning phase of the program completed, political observers are withholding judgment on the efforts of the C.C.F. administration until time has tested its achievements.

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## SPYING ON UNIONS IS ADMITTED

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quity, Dempster said he borrowed the originals from a contact named "Caulder". Rowe claimed the name was "Cauley".

One of Dempster's daily reports read to the Commission states he spent an evening attending a "leftist group" meeting at the Steelworkers' hall, Bloor Street West, Toronto, although he admitted only to hanging around outside. Both Constable Rowe and Mrs. B. M. Freeman, who acted as his stenographer from February 1944 on, claim he told them he had union cards which enabled him to attend union meetings.

Reports signed D208 were submitted on the labor movement at the Lakehead, on the Ontario Federation of Labor, on the CIO and CCL Political Action Committees, on the threatened strikes of the Packinghouse Workers in the "big three" chains and at Campbell Soup Co. as well as a number of general reports on "communist-radical-socialist" strategy within the unions. Part of the mass of misinformation contained in the reports, which were labelled as "junk" by John Robinette, counsel for Ft. Lieut. Wismer, was copied, on Dempster's own admission, from the Dies Reports and the notorious "Red Network" by Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, indicted for Nazi activities in the United States.

Certain identical inaccuracies appeared in anti-union advertisements inserted in Toronto newspapers by "bug man" M. A. Sanderson in the fall of 1943. Copies of Dempster's reports have turned up in the files of the attorney-general, the commissioner and the deputy commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as in the "special branch" records. None of these officials has admitted making any use of them, but a number of copies (six or eight were made of each report) are missing without explanation.

A list of approximately 500

"Known Leftist Parties in the Labor Movement" compiled by Dempster from special branch records, was used in checking on applicants for jobs in war plants. The names of the applicants would be submitted by the plant managements and returned with notation of any information found in the special branch files. In a large number of cases the only information would be that the applicant was active in a trade union. This list, too, is full of inaccuracies.

Police Commissioner Stringer, under cross-examination by Mr. Robinette, said he saw nothing illegitimate about Dempster's reports as long as they contained some reference to "communism". In his opinion, "police agencies are perfectly entitled to be aware of union activities," Attorney-general L. E. Blackwell told the Royal Commission.

Mr. Blackwell was being questioned by Andrew Brevin on a report of Dempster's entitled: "Police Officers Attending CIO-CCL Convention as Delegates and Observers."

"Do you think this sort of report on the activities of a labor organization is a proper sort of report to have on your secret files?" Mr. Brevin asked.

"Well, without commenting on the truth or falsity of the report, I would think police agencies are perfectly entitled to be aware of union activity in organizing them in unions, having regard to the functions of the police," Mr. Blackwell replied.

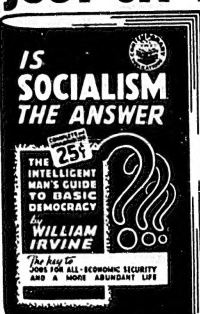
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# Trestrail's Complaint

By Elmore Philpott

The Toronto advertising man, B. A. Trestrail, has written a complaint to the editor of the Vancouver Sun about my recent article on his election as "Social Suicide."

He complains that I did not tell what a big-shot Victory Loan salesman he was, nor about an other welfare scheme he says he organized.

He complains further that my assumption that his coast-to-coast anti-C.C.F. smear campaign was financed by "Big Business" is a flat falsehood. Big Business, he says constitutes less than 10 per cent "of the supporters" but he does not specify whether that means numbers of persons or amounts subscribed.

I am glad to learn that there are fewer downright idiots among the Big Business community than might have been suspected by the lavishness of the Trestrail-like publicity which flooded this country during the recent election. For the Big Business men that I have met have almost invariably been shrewd, keen, alert people whose chief characteristic was commonsense. Otherwise they would not have become Big Business men, nor remained such under our intensely competitive system.

For them to have financed a

campaign such as Trestrail's would have indicated to me that they had suddenly suffered from an epidemic wave of softening-of-the-brain. For nothing had done so much to discredit Big Business as the kind of smear literature in which Trestrail's backers smothered the country. It is therefore reassuring to learn that Trestrail's backers are mostly in the small fry rather than the king fish class.

In denying that he is anti-Jewish, Trestrail makes this truly astounding statement: "But if I were 'anti-Semitic', is it any worse than being 'anti' to all the things Lewis or Philpott are against— and pull no punches or exercise any control of language in condemning?"

Does Mr. Trestrail really argue that "I do not think he does. He really mean that to slam the Jews or to slam the murderers of the Jews is all on one moral plane?"

I am not seriously suggesting that Mr. Trestrail really believes that "I do not think he does. But his excited statement is an indication of the kind of half-baked thinking and a sample of the confused writing that characterized his whole booklet "Social Suicide," Mr. Trestrail suggests that the

people of Canada "want nothing to do with the teachings of these disciples of State Socialism." That, of course, is the usual type of red-herring statement employed by publicists whose case is so weak in itself that they have to invent imaginary weakness in the other fellow in order to have something to attack.

Socialism saved all of us in this war. But the C.C.F. is not an out-and-out Socialist party.

The C.C.F. is a progressive Canadian political party which stands for a better economy, balanced as between public and private enterprise. It is, in fact, exactly what its clumsy but accurate name implies—an organization designed to set up a co-operative commonwealth in Canada.

His new job, in the years just ahead, is to supply the blue-print plans whereby every Canadian city worker can get a job, and every Canadian farmer a guaranteed market, and full prices for his product.

In each election a vast new army of voters, made up of the C.C.F. Nobody has done more to increase the flow of that C.C.F. support than the people like Mr. Trestrail and his backers. For they underestimate the intelligence of common people.

MEMBER FOR CHURCHILL



RONALD MOORE, Dauphin, Man.

A member of the C.C.F. since its inception, Ronald S. Moore, is Leading Stoker Mechanic with the Canadian Navy, now overseas.

Contesting the Dauphin constituency in 1940, Mr. Moore polled more than 5,000 votes. While on furlough at his home in Dauphin in the summer of 1944, Mr. Moore assisted Fred Zaplatny, Dauphin federal candidate for the C.C.F., in organizing the constituency.

Mr. Moore was born at Foam Lake, Saskatchewan, in 1915, completed his Grade XII in Dauphin Collegiate Institute, and before enlisting in 1942, worked for the C.N.R. He has served as Dauphin representative on the Provincial Council of the C.C.F., as president of the Dauphin Federal Association, and is Constituency organizer.

## A Bit of Nonsense

Mother: "Have a good time at the dance, dear, and be a good girl."

Daughter: "Make up your mind, mother."

Photographer: "Can't you look a little more cheerful?"

Henry Henpeck: "Not for this picture. I am to send it to my wife who is away on a visit and if I look too cheerful, she'll take the first train home."

"Mummy, does all our food come from heaven?"

"Yes, darling."

"And does Santa Claus bring us our presents?"

"He does, dear."

"And storks bring all the babies?"

"Certainly, my love."

"Then, what on earth's the good of father?"

High heels, according to Christopher Morley, were invented by a woman who had been kissed on the forehead.

An old English charwoman, whose pride in her soldier son was very great, appeared at her place of employment one morning and, with deep emotion, announced to her co-workers that her boy was dead.

"How did you know?" she was asked. "Did you hear from the War Office?"

"No," was the reply. "I heard the news from my boy himself."

"From the boy himself?" her astonished friends exclaimed. "How on earth could you do that?"

"Here's the letter," she sobbed, taking a crumpled sheet from her pocketbook. "It says, 'Dear Mother—I am now in the Holy Land.'"

## BRUCE RIDING ANNUAL MEETING ON FRIDAY, 20TH

Bruce provincial constituency will hold its annual meeting—an open Membership Convention—in Hilliker Hall, Viking, on Friday, July 20th, starting at one o'clock. The meeting will be in the afternoon only.

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## Co-ops Will Make Documentary Films

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asking for support "through retaining the Public Informational Service as public and industrial relations counsel." One of the services offered to those who paid the retaining fee, was stated in Mr. Trestrail's letter as "public relations activity, including educational, campaign to combat confascatory economic programs."

"What is this but an invitation to business to make political contributions in such a way as to evade taxation?" Mr. Lewis said. "Hundreds of thousands of dollars must have been spent by the Public Informational Association during the federal campaign on newspaper and radio advertising and in distributing the tabloid, 'Social Suicide'. Was all this money subscribed in such a way as to evade the income tax?"

"It is remarkable to see how similar the accusations of Churchill and the Beaverbrook press

against the British Labor Party are to the campaign here," Mr. Lewis said. "Capitalism and socialism are international. However, the press of Great Britain with the single exception of that controlled by Beaverbrook, has continuously protested against this campaign of misrepresentation, thereby indicating a maturity in political affairs considerably greater than that shown by most of the press in Canada. The few exceptions here include the "Ottawa Citizen."

Mr. Lewis told the gathering that "in spite of the disappointment we suffered," the federal campaign had served to show that in the past short thirteen years the C.C.F. "has struck deep roots all across the country."

It is also important to note, he said, that in spite of the fact that all but one of our Members of Parliament come from west of the Great Lakes, considerably more than one-half our popular vote was registered in Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime provinces.

"The federal government now has the opportunity of proving its claim that private enterprise will provide full employment and social security," said the C.C.F. secretary. "It is our conviction that this is impossible, that sooner or later the capitalist system will break down and the masses of Canadian people will suffer the consequences of economic domination by Big Business and monopoly profit. When the next general election comes, the Canadian people will have cause to remember what we attempted to tell them in this election. Our task for the next few years is to build our movement to such strength and to evoke such confidence from the Canadian people that the C.C.F. and its program will be accepted

by them as the unquestioned answer to the economic chaos and unemployment of capitalism.

We must increase our educational work throughout the country, and especially here in this province. We must increase our sacrifice in funds, in time and energy far beyond the sacrifices of the past.

"Our cause is right; it is the cause of justice and equality, democracy and peace. Our people are determined. The reports we get from every part of the country are full of vigor and confidence. With such a cause and such a spirit, the victory of the common people in Canada is certain to come."

## SASKATCHEWAN IS REDUCING DEBT

REGINA—Saskatchewan bond maturity of \$2,250,000, bearing 4½ per cent interest and payable in Canadian and American funds, was paid off by the provincial government recently. Payment was decided on some time ago, following negotiations with eastern financial interests by Premier T. C. Douglas and Provincial Treasurer C. M. Fines.

Mr. Fines has also announced that the net debt of the province has been reduced by \$13,019,312 in the past fiscal year. At the end of the April 30, 1944, fiscal year, the net debt of the province was \$183,439,729, while it stood at \$170,030,417 at the close of the April 30, 1945 fiscal year. Sinking fund has also increased, in the same period of time, from \$28,919,341 to \$30,000,477, up by \$7,081,136.

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## YOUTH TOMORROW

BY THE CCYM. - THE YOUTH SECTION OF THE C.C.F.

Miss Barbara Davidson, Editor  
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**PUBLICITY** is the stock in trade of every type of salesman from Hollywood press agents to foreign ambassadors. They are all concerned with familiarizing the public with their product and with favorably impressing the world at large. Now the product which the CCYM is trying to sell is socialism.



(We are naive enough to believe that a sane and just economy is at least as important to the welfare of a nation as a scented toilet soap or the latest breakfast food).

Barbara Davidson The leaders of this movement, therefore, are beginning to devote more and more time and thought to the perplexing problem of publicity.

Allan Porter of Toronto is chairman of the National Publicity Board, which is made up of publicity convenors from each province. This is a relatively new venture, for only since Doris French became National President has any publicity organization been attempted on a national scale. The purpose of this scheme is twofold—to provide the various provincial sections with news of the movement across Canada, and to inform those outside the movement of our aims and activities. A publicity convenor, along with the National Council member, serves as a sort of link between the provincial group and the CCYM in other parts of the Dominion. It is also their job to carry out ideas and suggestions formulated by National Office.

This type of organization is extremely necessary. We must make big plans if the CCYM is ever to grow and develop into a powerful national movement. However, there are other factors of almost equal importance when it comes to publicizing our club. There is no better advertisement for any group than the convictions and enthusiasm of individual members. Personal contact is the simplest and most effective means of all of getting across our point of view. In our concern with getting out a national CCYM magazine (a recent suggestion from our national office), or making clubs in Alberta conscious of what is happening in the Maritimes, we must not lose sight of that fact. In the final analysis the job of making the world aware of the CCYM rests on the shoulders of each and every CCYMer.

### PROVINCIAL PLANNING

A provincial executive meeting was called for Saturday afternoon and Sunday, July 7 and 8, by our provincial president, Miss Frances Mjølness. Owing to the fact that several out-of-town members were unable to attend only the most important business on the agenda

was considered. The question of the budget and several reports were deferred until the next meeting, which will probably be held in the near future.

The first important subject to come up for discussion was our annual convention. The entire group was in favor of a summer convention, and recommended August 18 and 19 as the best time to hold it. This date will be definite only after further enquiries have been made. Since plans for a Convention are tentatively under way it was agreed to drop the idea of a summer camp this year. If both a provincial convention and a camp were held probably we would not be able to make a thorough success of either. By starting early in the year we will be able to plan a really bang-up summer camp for next season.

A good part of Sunday afternoon was spent in discussing club organization. Phyllis Davidson had a number of helpful suggestions to offer the provincial office. Her mention of the need for study programs resulted in the setting-up of an Educational Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to suggest topics for study, plan an evening's program, and gather suitable material.

Other subjects dealt with at the meeting included National Council business, ways of contacting returning servicemen, and organization of a membership drive.

### THE NATIONAL SCENE

Mrs. Doris French has just sent out a mid-term report to all National Council members. She begins this report by stating: "Since January the CCYM has passed through a significant phase of growth. There has been an increase in numbers, but of more importance has been the process of welding a number of loosely connected provincial or city groups which went through periods of almost complete black-out and revival into the general shape of a national youth movement." Probably the greatest single factor in this development has been the process of tightening up of national organization. We all have the deepest admiration for the job which Doris herself has done in this regard.

In the three Maritime provinces there is now an active CCYM established. Several French-Canadian youth groups in Montreal have agreed to affiliate with the CCYM, almost doubling the membership in Quebec. British Columbia reports the organization of two new units in June, making a total now of fifteen. Saskatchewan's membership has reached 1500, and the goal is set at 2,000 for the current membership year.

Two significant items in this report are the figures of the membership and financial standing. The total membership has increased from about 1700 in January to nearly 2200 now. The national office has a budget of \$1,069.56 for the six months extending from January to July, in comparison with which the total budget for the preceding five years only totalled \$196.28 in all. After considering these facts who can doubt that the CCYM is a movement with a future.

### Congratulatory Note

On August 4th Miss Phyllis Davidson of Innisfail is marrying Mr. Bob Mullen of Millet. Phyllis is a member of the provincial executive of the CCYM, and a leader of the Wang group, near Millet, where she has been teaching.

# Free Enterprise In the Hungry Thirties

By TOM RUSSELL

IN THE days of depression, Free Enterprise has a number of casualties on its hands. It dealt with them in an inexpensive manner. In the City of Vancouver they were regimented, made to line up outside of a building close to the Labor Union Headquarters, with no shelter from wet weather and there wait their turn to undergo a severe means test, by an extremely unsympathetic individual who declared the proper place for many of them was on the rock pile. He eventually landed in jail for swindling them.

If the applicant was successful he became a reliever and received exactly one dollar and forty cents per week; twenty cents per day. No one can tell what living on twenty cents per day means, unless he has tried it—not just for a day or two, but day in and day out, weeks, months and years.

One can get by with rough food, like a horse being kept alive through the winter on wheat straw, but as clothes and household utensils wear out, it is practically impossible to replace them, and the regular relievers suffer more and more by having to apply to Welfare Associations for second-hand clothing. There were a number of homeless men in the city. Twenty cents could not possibly be stretched to provide a place to sleep so they congregated on some vacant land in the city and built themselves dugouts and shelters out of old tin cans, tar paper, old boxes etc. Some had lived in dugouts in France between 1914 and 1918.

### A Friendly Voice

A prominent preacher whose sermons were broadcast declined twice on Sunday at such inhuman treatment and appealed for food and clothing for the dwellers in the "Jungle" in the place was called. Eventually the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments agreed to raise the rate to forty cents per day, contributing one-third each.

The profit motive is the only incentive of "Free Enterprise". Its insatiable greed for profit knows no bounds. Whether it comes from Bibles or bullets, the saving or the destroying of human life matters little to the exploiters of human labor; it reaps dividends from the destruction of both body and soul, it has no morals or ethics. Mr. Woodworth, C.C.F. leader, protested against profits being made from the manufacture of war materials. Mr. King put a limit of five per cent on profits of war contracts. The Conservative leader, Mr. Meighen, said words to the effect, that the war was not worth fighting if profits were limited to five per cent. So Mr. King when the manufacturers went on strike, took off the limit and left it wide open.

Organizing welfare associations was quite a profitable game in some cities in the '30's.

### Profitable Poverty

The man who organized the Welfare department in Vancouver got seven thousand dollars a year for himself out of it, two thousand more than the salary of the Mayor.

One smart "free enterpriser" in Vancouver started a system of making profit out of poverty. He rented a large barn-like place close to the slum district and opened a soup kitchen. Because of his church connections he had no trouble in collecting funds to fix up the place—old blankets and bedding as well. He got the homeless men who came there, to do the work, without pay. They built

some rough bunks in the upper part and the sanitary arrangements were of the crudest character and their inefficient. The men also did their own cooking, 'dishing', bed-making and general cleaning up, so the running expenses were extremely small.

These men were given a kind of Social Credit scrip (not the Aberhart hoax kind) to the value of two dollars and eighty cents per week. The proprietor of this refuge for homeless men inaugurated a system whereby the men handed over to him their scrip and in return he gave them a week's bed and board ticket. The next day he cashed the scrip and banked the money.

### "Around the Corner"

On the face of it this system looked business-like and all above board. But in those days the depression was not recognized as permanent—"prosperity" was just around the corner," every daily newspaper in Canada said so, though unemployed men moved from place to place, riding the roads, hiking from the Atlantic to the Pacific, searching for what was their interpretation of prosperity—a job.

Numbers of these men took their \$2.40 to the refuge, and because of the poor conditions obtaining, one supper, bed and breakfast convinced them that they were better off on the road, panhandling.

### Made It Pay

Our proprietor could now place two dollars and forty cents on the credit and (as we afterwards proved upon investigation) a few cents on the debit side of his books.

Many of these homeless men were mechanics and therefore union men.

The union was the only means they had ever known of getting grievances adjusted. What was more natural than that they should complain to the local Trades and Labor Council. A committee was sent to investigate and was told by the proprietor that he could not give better food for as little as forty cents, but if they could get the allowance raised, he would be able to do better.

It so happened that on this investigating committee was a member of the C.C.F. and Waiters' Union who thoroughly understood catering and its costs.

The proprietor was pressed to show his books, which showed a substantial balance in the bank to his credit.

When asked to explain, all he would say was that "it was earmarked".

Next day the City Council received a four figure cheque, the proceeds of savings made for the City by economical and efficient administration of the institution.

Council's Quandary. The Council were now in a quandary as to whether they were entitled to accept the cheque, as the 40 cents was subscribed by three governments—municipal, provincial and federal—one-third each. It did not occur to them to base it for the purpose it was intended—the homeless man.

You may remember that a certain prominent Liberal M.P. who like Aberhart quoted much scripture and was going to "chase the money changers out of the temple," became Mayor of Vancouver. During his term of office a number of homeless lads camped in the Post Office and were chased out by gas bombs. The leader of the Conservative Government at that time described them as "derelicts", and said his government would

not be wet nurse to them. This story is too well known to be told in full here.

That was the way of life to thousands of Canadian boys and men, many of whom are now fighting in the Canadian Army, Navy and Air Force. Have you ever read in your daily newspaper that they are fighting for the Canadian Way of Life (free enterprise) Not Socialism?

## PERSONAL STUFF

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political party; an all-the-time people's movement. There should be a duplication of such efforts in every community throughout the province. The most significant thing about the results of the provincial and federal election is the fact that where there were live, continuously-active locals of the C.C.F. we topped the poll. There were many other places where we had a membership just as large, but it was a silent-partner membership, with most of its light hidden under a bushel of apathy or modesty. If that we stand for the C.C.F. is worth while it is worth something more than passive consent on our part. Isn't that right?

This business of doing our best for the cause for which the C.C.F. stands must start with the individual. Let's ask ourselves some personal questions? If all the other members of the C.C.F. weren't made of any better stuff than I am, would The Financial Post need to worry about 1950? That's a good place to start. Because the C.C.F. is not an impersonal machine that works automatically. The C.C.F. as a people's political movement is just as strong—as it is weak—as the individuals who compose it. Everywhere in Canada the movement started on the same basis, to build a people's movement from the bottom. Why is the movement stronger in some provinces than others? I think there is only one answer. In some places we have had more personal effort put into it than in others. Saskatchewan is the best example. I know we have been up against a tougher proposition in this province, but if every member had done as much as some have done to build the C.C.F. in Alberta communities, I wonder if we could not have done better by this time?

Well, starting from now, what? First how about our 1945 membership? Is it paid up? Is there a local in our community? If not, have we done anything to get one started? (Most of the best Alberta C.C.F. locals started with half a dozen members.) Have we done anything in the past year to interest our neighbor in the C.C.F. program, given him our pamphlets or books to read, invited him to listen to a broadcast? These are questions C.C.F. members must ask themselves if they are going to help to justify the fear of Maclean's and The Financial Post that we really mean business. Well, do we mean business?

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